

## **SLOPER 5 REIGNS PLAQUE**

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Some time ago, Mike Bament sent me a photocopy of one of Slopers 1939 plaques which was in the National Postal Museum. After comparing the perfin dies and stamp values to those on my own plaque, it was seen that they were identical. This led me to wonder if the other known plaques were identical too.

Derek Muggleton kindly allowed me to examine his plaque and Bill Cokayne sent me photocopies of two more, whose ownership he knew from the time he was a Directory at Slopers. This means I have had access to 5 of these plaques and it turned out they were not identical.

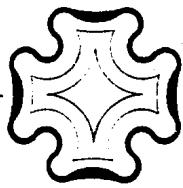
The chart on the following page gives a break down of the stamps and perfin dies. The first lot of details are for the two identical plaques. The plaque on the page after is a photocopy of the one, which is in the National Postal Museum.

The ½d bantams and 1d blacks were used stamps but all the other stamps used were mint.

\* When I first acquired my plaque in 1992 and the initials RTF were seen on the ½d KGVI stamp, we could find no match in any catalogue or in the Sloper Ledgers. As I was trying to get some general information about the history of Slopers at that time Bill Cokayne suggested I write to Mr Earnest Laver who, some years previously, had been a Director of Slopers. My enquiry was a general one but in the reply from Mr Laver was included the almost certain answer to the RTF, M.M.F. and MMF dies.

**Details on Sloper 5 Reigns Plaque**

	<u>Stamp</u>	<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Die</u>	<u>Identity</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Other</u>
1	½d Pl.12	PS	4110.03	Pharmaceutical Soc.of GB			
2	1d Black	J.M.&C°	5300.01	?			
3	1d Plate	MJ	3260.02	?			
4	4½d Jub	ND/FS	1030.01	National Deposit Friendly Soc			
5	1d lilac	WM	5160.01	William F Malcolm & C°			
6	2d EVII	JP&C°	6090.03b	J Pollak & Co	R.T.F. *		R.T.F.
7	3d EVII	WW/Ltd	8120.01	Wm.Whiteley Ltd	2½d PUC R.T.F.	1½d PUC M.M.F.	2½d Jub ND/FS
8	5d EVII	RM&S	3530.01	Ø R May & Son	3d EVII	3d EVII M.M.F.	3d EVII M.M.F.
9	1/- EVII	RM&S	3530.01	"	½d PUC R.T.F.	½d GV H&S	½d GV H&S
10	1d GV	F&M	2630.02	Fortnum & Mason Ltd	1d PUC M.M.F.		
11	1½d GV	J&CH	1470.01	Ø J&C Harrison Ltd			
12	½d EVIII	RI/C°/Ld	2840.01	Royal Insurance Co.Ltd.		1d EVIII NA/FI	
13	2½d EVIII	OU/DC	1910.02	Oldbury/Ø Ormskirk UDC			
14	½d GVI	RTF *	New Die	* See Note at end			
15	1d GVI	B/Bk	740.02	Barclays Bank Ltd		2d GVI LCC	
16	1½d GVI	SM/BP	4810.01a	Shell Mex & Br. Petroleum		MMF *	



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(1939)



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